

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for defeating a predictive dialing telemarketing system includes an audio energy generator (18) that is capable of creating an electrical signal that replicates the audio energy associated with the message of an answering machine. The output of the audio energy generator is passed through an amplifier (22) and passed to a telephone line (16) by a controller (12) sensing that an in-coming call has been received. A predictive dialing telemarketing system recognizes the signal coupled to the telephone line as that of an answering machine and immediately disconnects.